

# ***Strengthening university autonomy and increasing accountability and transparency of Western Balkans Universities (STAND)***

**Kick off Meeting  
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**University of Montenegro**

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## ***UNIVERSITY OF MONTENEGRO***

The oldest higher education institution in Montenegro

The largest higher education institution in the country

It has the largest research budget of all Montenegrin higher education institutions

It is involved in the greatest number of international projects



# HISTORY



1974

• Founded

1975

• First agreement  
with University  
of Florida

1992

• After being named by  
national hero Veljko  
Vlahovic, it was officialy  
called the University of  
Montenegro

2004

• Bologna  
implementation

2021

• More than 140  
agreements signed  
with more than 40  
countires



# *UNIVERSITY OF MONTENEGRO UNITS*

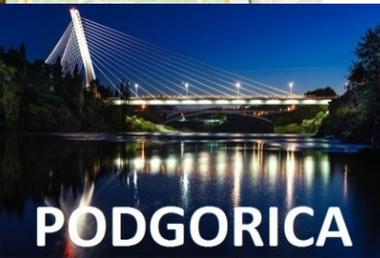


- Biotechnical Faculty
- Faculty of Sport and Physical Education
- Faculty of Architecture
- Faculty of Civil Engineering
- Faculty of Dramatic Arts
- Faculty of Economics
- Faculty of Electrical Engineering
- Faculty of Fine Arts
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Metallurgy and Technology
- Faculty of Philology
- Faculty of Philosophy
- Faculty of Political Science
- Faculty of Science and Mathematics
- Faculty of Tourism and Hotel Manag.
- Faculty of Maritime Studies
- Academy of Music
- Institute for Marine Biology
- Historical Institute
- Institute for Research and Innovations





# LOCATED IN 8 TOWNS





## ***STRUCTURE***

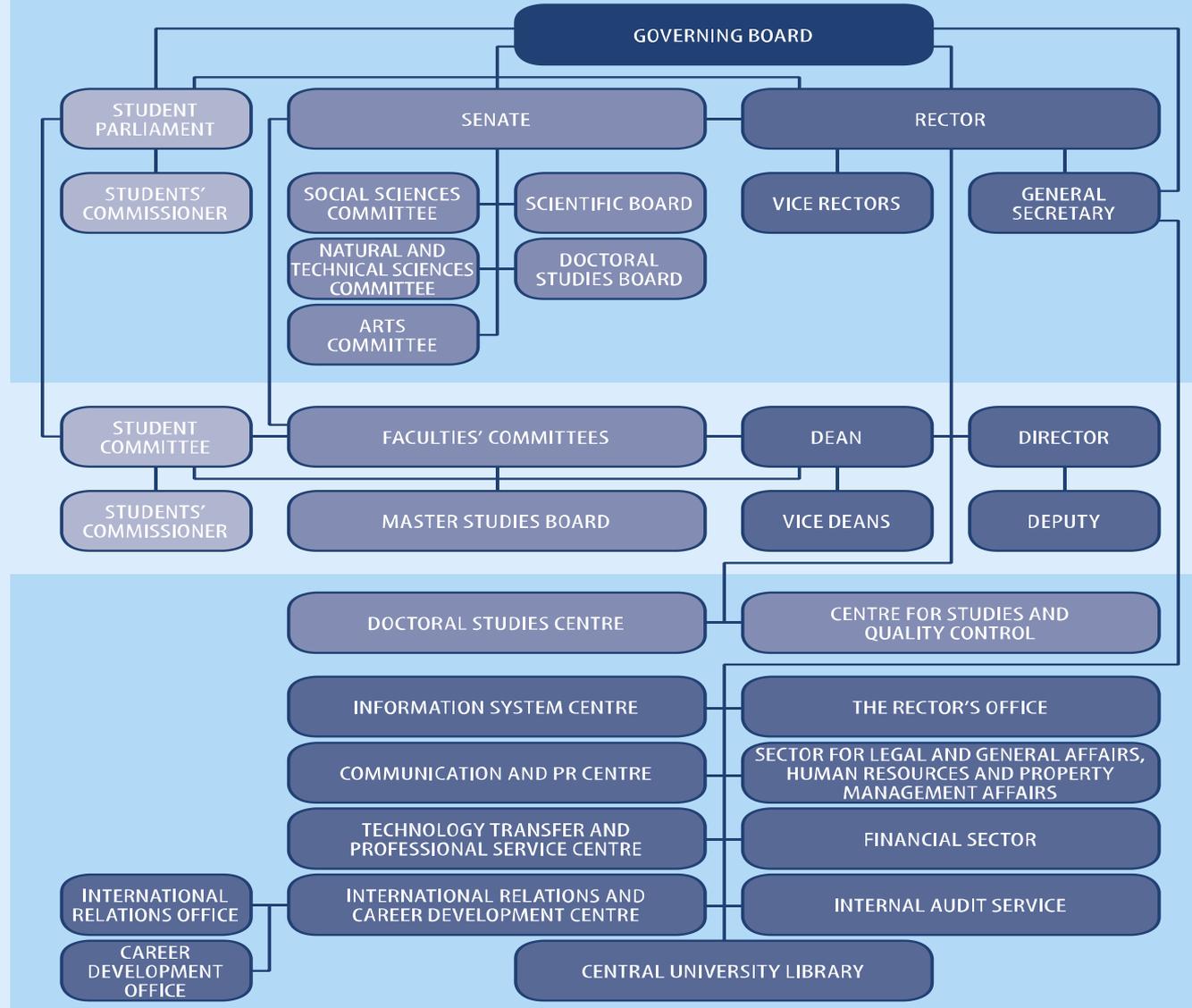
**19 Faculties and 3 Institutes**, with campuses in all regions of Montenegro

- **1,129** members of academic, professional, and non-academic staff
- over **16,000 students** at all levels of study

Since 2004, teaching at the University of Montenegro has been organized according to the principles of the Bologna Declaration. Studies are organized at the level of Undergraduate, Masters and Doctoral Studies, and offer:

- **62** Undergraduate Study Programmes
- **73** Masters Study Programmes
- **25** Study Programmes for Doctoral Studies

- FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE
- BIOTECHNICAL FACULTY
- FACULTY OF ECONOMICS
- FACULTY OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
- FACULTY OF DRAMATIC ARTS
- FACULTY OF FINE ARTS
- FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCES
- FACULTY OF SPORT AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- FACULTY OF TOURISM AND HOTEL MANAGEMENT
- FACULTY OF PHILOLOGY
- FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY
- FACULTY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING
- FACULTY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
- FACULTY OF MEDICINE
- FACULTY OF METALLURGY AND TECHNOLOGY
- MUSIC ACADEMY
- MARITIME FACULTY
- FACULTY OF LAW
- FACULTY OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
  
- INSTITUTE OF MARINE BIOLOGY
- INSTITUTE OF HISTORY





## ***MISSION***

# **STRATEGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTENEGRO 2019-2024**

- ❖ Ensuring and improving the quality of higher education and the links between higher education and the labor market through research orientation, internationalization, entrepreneurial and innovative spirit.
- ❖ The creation of an integrated knowledge society, improvement of the quality of life, and full contribution to social and economic development of Montenegro.



## ***STUDY LEVELS***

Studies according to Bologna Declaration principles since 2004.

Undergraduate academic studies, BSc, BA (3 yrs)

Undergraduate applied studies BApp (3 yrs)

Postgraduate master studies MSc (BSc and BA + 2 years)

Doctoral studies (MSc + 3 yrs)



## *RESEARCH*

**ICT, energy, medicine, biotechnology, tourism and environmental protection** are priority development areas of Montenegro which UoM is focussing on through development of multidisciplinary research, joint use of resources and research experience, with stimulation of cooperation with business community.

Legislative framework for **commercialization of research** and protection of IP rights are begin created as a step forward towards a new concept of reseach at the University of Montenegro.



# *INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS*

**University of Montenegro  
takes part in:**

**Erasmus+ ( 27 CBHE projects since  
2015, 6 coordinating projects; Jean  
Monnet, Strategic Partnerships,  
Sport: Collaborative Partnerships)**

**IPA Programme  
HORIZON 2020  
COST  
CEI  
HERD  
SCOPES  
TEMPUS  
FP7**



**IPA INSTRUMENT FOR  
PRE-ACCESSION ASSISTANCE**





# ***INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS***

- **In 2020 UoM obtained funding for over 30 major projects:**

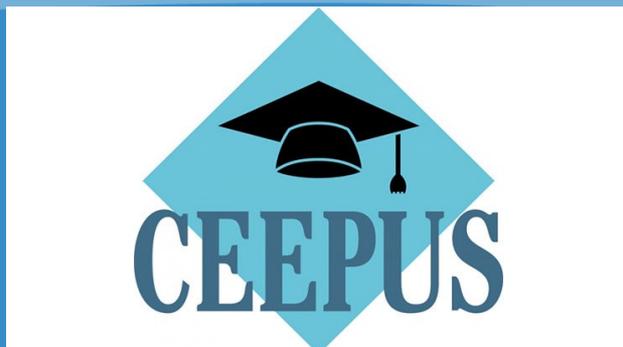


- **1 coordinating and 6 partner projects within ERASMUS+ CBHE ( > 1,1 mil €)**
- **2 projects within Jean Monnet programme (0,1 mil €)**
- **1 coordinating and 6 partner projects within Interreg programa ( > 0,6 mil €)**
- **2 projects within Horizon 2020 (91.675 €)**
- **11 projects of support for participation in H2020 i COST action (Ministry of Science) (244.700 €)**



# ***EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES***

Erasmus Mundus  
Erasmus + (over 120 IIAs)  
Ceepus  
Mevlana  
Bilateral agreements (more  
than 140 agreements with  
universities from 36 countries)





# STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Balkan Institute for Science and Innovation (BISI), Université Côte d'Azur (UCA), France





# ***UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY***

## **Higher Education Law of Montenegro**

### **The Autonomy of Institutions Article 4**

*Each Higher Education Institution shall be autonomous in performing its tasks, in accordance with the Law.*

**Freedom of the Institution Article 17**

**Rights of the Institution Article 18**

**Academic Freedoms and Protection Article 20**

**Freedom of Research Article 21**

Currently, preparations for amendments to the Higher Education Law – largely focused on university autonomy.



## *UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY*

Article 2 of the Statute – the University of Montenegro is autonomous in performing its activity, in accordance with the Law.

**Autonomy of the University implies the right to: define study programs, independently develop and implement study programs, determine rules of studying, regulate internal organization, select the management and governing organs, in accordance with the Law, elect academic and other staff, in accordance with the Law, establish cooperation with domestic and foreign institutions, perform and publicly present scientific results, in accordance with special Law and acts of the University, issue public documents, manage financial funds, exploit assets, assign honorary titles, other rights arising from good academic habits, in accordance with the Law and the Statute.**



## ***FUNDING***

Mutual rights and obligations between the public institution and the Government for the implementation of study programs of the I and II cycle of studies are regulated by the financing agreement.

In May 2019, a **Financing Agreement** was signed between the Government of Montenegro and the University of Montenegro, for a period of three years. New, so-called contractual funding model, will for the first time give a clear insight into the relationship of input and output parameters, as well as the performance of the university, all in order to improve the quality of work at the University.



## ***UOM ROLE IN STAND PROJECT***

- participation at Kick-off meeting and project management workshop, establishment of project's structure and adoption of working methodology
- analysis of reports obtained from Partner Countries, related to needs, constrains and possibilitiess



## ***UOM ROLE IN STAND PROJECT***

- together with UP, UT and TUHH leading partner of WP2 – Development of University Autonomy Scorecards
- participate in all trainings on enhancement of university governance for promoting autonomy, contribute to the establishing a regional expert network on university autonomy, conduct capacity building training and consultancy sessions for management staff



## ***UOM ROLE IN STAND PROJECT***

- conduct update of statutes to comply with new regulations on university autonomy and National Legal Base update/development to strengthen university autonomy
- participate in work of Committee for Quality Assurance, including establishing quality standards and indicators, and deliver appropriate reports, attend planned meetings, in order to secure the attractiveness, quality, availability, finally the long-lasting use of project result



## ***UOM ROLE IN STAND PROJECT***

- lead the dissemination and exploitation strategy together with UniFG, SEEU and USAF
- establish online platform through the project website that will enable academics, students, and other stakeholders to access to the reports and findings of the results
- organise and hold a wide range of promotional and informative events
- exploit project results and of published scorecard reports and new national/regional strategy on education;



## ***UOM ROLE IN STAND PROJECT***

- participation at professional gatherings; trainings and workshops, etc.), aiming to spread project significance and results.
- UM will participate in the meetings of Project Management Team; manage own project activities and finances; prepare administrative, activity and financial reports on institutional level; form and regularly update financial record on grant utilization on institutional level, etc



***Thank you for your attention!***

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